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[English]

**Violation of GPD Guidelines by
Bihar Water and Sewage Board**

3275. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANI-
GRAHI:
DR. A.K.PATEL:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-
DEYA:
SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH
HOODA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bihar Water and Sew-
age Board violated the guidelines issued by
the Ganga project Directorate and spent
excessive amount on projects under the
Ganga Action Plan while the main objec-
tives remain unfulfilled;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government
in this regard and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-
ESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). The
increase in expenditure on all the 45
schemes except three undertaken in Bihar

under the Ganga Action Plan by Bihar Rajya
Jal Parishad (formerly Bihar State Water
and Sewage Board) has been within 10% of
the total sanctioned amount for the same.
In 3 schemes, the expenditure has ex-
ceeded 10 per cent of the sanctioned cost
for which detailwd justification has been
asked from the State Government.

Out of a total of 45 schemes under-
taken in Bihar, 32 schemes have been
completed so far. All the schemes of sew-
age treatment and a few schemes of
interception and diversion are in various
stages of completion. The objectives of the
Action Plan would be fulfilled only after all
the schemes are completed by December,
1993.

There is no instance of any violation of
guidelines of Ganga Project Directorate in
this regard.

Alleged Wheat Scandal

3276. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will
the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government
has been drawn to the newsitem regarding
'Wheat Scandal' appearing in the Hindus-
tan Times dated February 15, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decisions to export wheat were taken in August, 1990 and April, 1991 by the Government in order to generate foreign exchange resources for meeting the critical balance of payments situation. Subsequently, it was noticed that the procurement of wheat during April-June, 1991 had declined sharply by about 35 lakh tonnes as compared to the previous year. As a matter of precaution the Government decided in September, 1991 to restrict the export of wheat during 1991-92 to 8 lakh tonnes. The wheat supply position was reviewed on a continuing basis and it was decided in January, 1991 that no further export of wheat may be undertaken beyond the firm contractual obligation already entered into by the STC/MMTC. During 1991-92 (upto 29.2.92) the STC/MMTC exported 6.72 lakh tonnes of wheat, of which 4.19 lakh tonnes have been exported by MMTC and 2.53 lakh tonnes by STC. The MMTC has exported mostly on C & F basis at around US \$ 116 per tonne inclusive of a freight element of about US \$ 13 per tonne. The exports of STC have been mostly around US \$ 95 per tonne on FOB basis. Alongwith the decision to curtail the quota for export of wheat, the Government decided on 15th January, 1992 to make arrangements for import of 10 lakh tonnes of wheat with a view to increase the availability of foodgrains and to contain the rise in prices. No contracts for import of wheat have been concluded so far.

In october, 1991 it was noted that there was a disconcerting upward trend in the open market prices of wheat. In order to relieve the pressure on prices, the Govern-

ment decided to resort to open market sale of wheat. The sale is not only open to roller flour mills, but also to other purchasers viz.; wholemeal atta chakkies, atta chakkies, bread manufacturers, and Government controlled organisations like Super Bazar, State Civil Supplies Corporation, Consumer Cooperatives etc.

There is at present no control on the prices of wheat products.

[Translation]

Restoration of Trains

3277. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to restore the Trains suspended during the last one year in the Chhota Nagpur Santhal Pargana area of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Passenger Train on Aurangabad-Manmad-Dound-Pune-Bombay Section

3278. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new Passenger Train on Aurangabad-Manmad-Dound-Pune-Bombay section; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?